

**A Report on**



# **Fiscal Year 2002 Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Indian Tribes, Alaskan Natives and Native Hawaiian Organizations**

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
Heritage Preservation Services  
Tribal Preservation Program**



## **INTRODUCTION**

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 authorizes grants to Indian tribes for cultural and historic preservation projects. Now in its twelfth year, this grant program assists American Indians and Alaska Natives in protecting and promoting their unique cultural traditions.

From the beginning, the program has been shaped by Indian tribes. Tribal representatives defined "historic preservation from a tribal perspective" in a National Park Service report to Congress in 1990. *Keepers of the Treasures -- Protecting Historic Properties and Cultural Traditions on Indian Land* describes, in the words of Indian people, what they are concerned with protecting. Native language, oral history, plant and animal species important in tradition, sacred and historic places, and the establishment of tribal historic preservation offices are all part of preservation from a tribal perspective. The grants selected in Fiscal Year 2002 continue to reflect this broad range of funding needs.

Since 1990, approximately \$14.2 million has been awarded to over **385** Indian and Alaska Native communities. In Fiscal Year 2002, a total of \$669,649 is being awarded to 17 communities for a broad range of historic preservation projects. The projects selected for funding are summarized below.

## **GRANT SELECTION PROCESS**

Federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaskan Native groups, and Native Hawaiian organizations were invited to submit grant applications to support historic preservation projects and promote the continuation of living cultural traditions.

The application guidelines listed five major categories of eligible activities for Historic Preservation Fund grants: locating and identifying cultural resources, preserving a historic property listed on the National Register, preservation planning, oral history and documenting cultural traditions, and education and training projects in historic and cultural preservation.

Grant applications and application guidelines were mailed in October 2001 to the chief elected officials of all Federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaskan Native groups, Native Hawaiian organizations, and to others on a mailing list of over 1,400 individuals and organizations. In all, 96 proposals were received requesting approximately \$4.1 million.

Panels of experts who met in Washington, D.C. March 19-20, 2002, evaluated each application. Panel members are listed below.

## **GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS**

Reviewers were asked to consider the following in evaluating applications:

1. How does this project address a critical cultural or historic preservation issue for the tribe?
2. Are the project objectives, activities, and desired results (products) well designed, thought-through, and achievable?
3. Will qualified people carry out the project?
4. Is the project budget clear and reasonable?
5. Is there demonstrable commitment to this project by the tribe?
6. What is the lasting impact on and benefit to the tribe if the project is successfully completed?

## **FISCAL YEAR 2002 GRANTS SELECTION PANEL PARTICIPANTS**

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<b>Tribe [State]</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Arctic Village Council (AK)	\$ 15,440
Blackfeet Tribe (MT)	\$ 50,000
Caddo Tribe (OK)	\$ 49,994
Coeur d'Alene Tribe (ID)	\$ 47,448
Cook Inlet Tribal Council (AK)	\$ 50,000
Coquille Indian Tribe (OR)	\$ 50,000
Hopi Tribe (AZ)	\$ 49,968
Inuit Circumpolar Conference (AK)	\$ 40,000
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe (WA)	\$ 20,000
Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe (WI)	\$ 43,837
Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township (ME)	\$ 20,723
Pedro Bay Village Council (AK)	\$ 48,821
Picayune Rancheria (CA)	\$ 50,000
Pinoleville Band of Pomo Indians (CA)	\$ 44,369
Ponca Tribe (NE)	\$ 8,890
Quapaw Tribe (OK)	\$ 49,999
Wrangell Cooperative Association (AK)	\$ 30,160
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 669,649</b>

## **FY 2002 Project Descriptions Historic Preservation Fund Grants**

### **Alaska**

- Tribe: **Arctic Village Council**  
Project Title: **Arctic Village Mission Church Restoration Project**  
Grant **\$15,440.00**  
Award:  
Description: Record and assess the condition of the Bishop Rowe  
Episcopalian Mission Church in Arctic Village, Alaska and to  
make recommendations for its stabilization, preservation and  
eventual reuse as a Gwich'in Cultural Heritage Center.
- Tribe: **Cook Inlet Tribal Council**  
Project Title: **Our Healing Ways: Oral Histories of Alaska Native Healers**  
Grant **\$50,000.00**  
Award:  
Description: Preserve and share traditional healing and health methods from  
Alaska's native tribes by documenting oral histories of healers,  
healing dances and ceremonies, healing implements, traditional  
storytellers sharing pre-contact healing knowledge and changes  
after contact with western influences. Information will be made  
available through training and rehabilitation programs, the  
broadcast media, and a web based educational curriculum.
- Tribe: **Inuit Circumpolar Conference of Alaska**  
Project Title: **Women of the Arctic**  
Grant **\$40,000.00**  
Award:  
Description: Document, using digital video, the critical role Inupiat women  
have, year-round, in facilitating successful whaling seasons.  
This project will result in five workshop videos and one  
educational video.
- Tribe: **Pedro Bay Village Council**  
Project Title: **Pedro Bay Archeological Survey and Inventory Project**  
Grant **\$48,821.00**  
Award:  
Description: Complete a comprehensive field investigation of the Pedro Bay  
Site, a multi-component archeological site with artifacts up to  
4,500 years old, which is key to interpreting movement of  
prehistoric people between the Bristol Bay and Cook Inlet  
regions. The review will result in tribal involvement and future  
management of the site and its collections.

Tribe: **Wrangell Cooperative Association**  
Project Title: **The Chief Shakes Historic Site: A Preservation and Repair Project**  
Grant Award: **\$30,160.00**  
Description: Stabilize wood deterioration of the Chief Shakes Tribal House and seven standing totems using repellents, preservatives and paint. The Tribal House and totems were constructed of cedar by native carvers in the late 1930s as a "federal totem pole project" under the U.S. Forest Service's Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).

## **Arizona**

Tribe: **Hopi Tribe**  
Project Title: **The Hopi Oral History Project**  
Grant Award: **\$49,968.00**  
Description: Record and preserve individual accounts of the history of the Hopi Tribe comprised of personal recollections, cultural traditions, ceremonial knowledge and stories passed down through generations from the Spanish era to the present time. Topics will include Hopi-state-federal relations, the Depression, the Navajo-Hopi land dispute, and cultural, educational, political and economic history. After transcription, duplicates will be archived and the tapes will be made available to Hopi members, researchers and educators for language preservation efforts.

## **California**

Tribe: **Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians**  
Project Title: **Survey and Inventory of the Historic Mono Trail**  
Grant Award: **\$50,000.00**  
Description: In conjunction with the Native Earth Foundation, conduct a comprehensive archeological/ethnographic survey and inventory of the historic Mono Trail which traverses the Inyo and Sierra National Forests of the central Sierra Nevada mountain range of California and served as a major trade route for several thousand years. Develop and implement a long-term Cultural Resource Management Plan and evaluate the eligibility criteria for placing this property on the National Register of Historic Places.

Tribe: **Pinoleville Band of Pomo Indians**  
Project Title: **Native Plants Project**  
Grant: **\$44,369.00**  
Award:  
Description: Preserve and pass on cultural knowledge about native plants by creating a living archive of plants important to the Pomo people. A native botanical garden will be placed on the bank of Ackerman Creek with plants chosen with the aid of in-depth interviews of tribal members with historical botanical knowledge. It will become part of Pinoleville's Cultural Preservation Program.

## **Idaho**

Tribe: **Coeur d'Alene Tribe of Idaho**  
Project Title: **Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Names-Places and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Project**  
Grant: **\$47,448.00**  
Award:  
Description: A collaborative effort of Tribal Elders, the GIS Department, and the Language Program and Historic Preservation Officer, culturally significant sites will be mapped and added to the Tribal GIS system. Elders will be recorded using still photography and audio and video tape describing the importance of these sites. This project will provide information which will contribute to linking geography, language and knowledge regarding the Coeur d'Alene aboriginal territory.

## **Maine**

Tribe: **Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township**  
Project Title: **Landscapes, Legends and Language: A Passamaquoddy Mapping Project**  
Grant: **\$20,723.00**  
Award:  
Description: After conducting a pilot project to determine the procedure for locating and mapping a limited number of sites of seasonal habitation used for fishing, hunting and for tribal gatherings of the Passamaquoddy, one of the Wabanaki groups, a larger survey will be conducted, including legends associated with the geographic features. This will be a collective project between an archaeologist, historians, a linguist, the tribal mapping department and members who have information on place names. The results will be provided to the Native History and Culture curriculum of Maine's secondary schools.

## **Montana**

Tribe: **Blackfeet Tribe**  
Project Title: **Blackfeet Cultural Resource Management Policies Project**  
Grant **\$50,000.00**  
Award:  
Description: Research, plan, develop, implement and evaluate a Comprehensive Cultural Resource Management Policies and Procedures Manual for the preservation and protection of Blackfeet cultural and historical sites and artifacts.

## **Nebraska**

Tribe: **Ponca Tribe of Nebraska**  
Project Title: **Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Cultural Resources Survey and Preservation Project**  
Grant **\$8,890.00**  
Award:  
Description: Conduct a cultural resources survey and identify and document information on the Chief Standing Bear Agency Building and property, approximately 160 acres recently acquired in Knox County, Nebraska.

## **Oklahoma**

Tribe: **Caddo Tribe of Oklahoma**  
Project Title: **Hatchel: Capital of the Caddo Nation**  
Grant **\$49,994.00**  
Award:  
Description: Conduct a survey and inventory of the area known as the Hatchel site, an important ceremonial ground near Texarkana on the Red River, and evaluate the character and condition of the prehistoric and historic archeological deposits. A publication and significant findings will be posted on the Texas Beyond History and Caddo Nation websites.



Tribe: **Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma**  
Project Title: **Cooperation Then and Now: Locating and Preserving the Quapaw Village of Osotouy and the Associated Arkansas Post**  
Grant Award: **\$49,999.00**  
Description: Conduct a systematic and comprehensive survey, including remote sensing surveying techniques, to locate the Quapaw Village of Osotouy in Arkansas that existed during the French Colonial Period and to define Quapaw cultural material from that time. There is a strong indication that the Village of Osotouy is located on the White River National Wildlife Refuge close to the Arkansas Post, a French site protected by the Quapaw. The tribe and federal and state agencies will work together to identify, manage and preserve this significant site.

## **Oregon**

Tribe: **Coquille Indian Tribe**  
Project Title: **Coquille Indian Tribe Archaeological Site Update Project**  
Grant Award: **\$50,000.00**  
Description: Provide new and updated site forms, maps and interpretations for more than 200 sites in Coos and Curry Counties in Oregon. This project will complete the tribe's goal of having a current and comprehensive inventory of archeological sites within its ancestral lands.

## **Washington**

Tribe: **Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe**  
Project Title: **Acquiring Training to Build a Program for Cultural Resource Protection and Historic Preservation**  
Grant Award: **\$20,000.00**  
Description: Provide environmental and management training in order to develop a plan to create a successful preservation program. Tribal staff, council and members of various committees will be trained in compliance laws and regulations and resource protection as well as Geographic Information System (GIS) and Global Positioning System (GPS) training.

## **Wisconsin**

Tribe: **Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa**  
Project Title: **A Survey and Inventory of Historic and Traditional Cultural Properties Culturally Affiliated with the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians**  
Grant Award: **\$43,837.00**  
Description: Utilizing archival records, literature research, and informant interviews, the Archeological Research Center will inventory, analyze, map and catalog historic properties that are culturally significant to the Lake Superior Chippewa both within and outside of the reservation boundaries at sites in Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin.